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SUBJECT: INFORMATION ON PRESIDENTIAL GUARD SYSTEM

1. THE GOS HAS APPROACHED THE EMBASSY SEEKING INFORMATION ON PROCEDURES FOLLOWED BY THE GATE GUARDS AT THE WHITE HOUSE. THE INFORMATION IS SOUGHT IN ORDER TO ASSIST THEM IN A POSSIBLE REVISION OF PROCEDURES FOLLOWED BY THE GATE GUARDS AT SINGAPORE'S PRESIDENTIAL RESIDENCE, THE ISTANA. QUESTIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS:
A. WHAT DIRECTION DO GATE GUARDS AT THE WHITE HOUSE FACE? TOWARDS THE STREET OR TOWARDS THE MAIN BUILDING? (FYI: IN SINGAPORE A PAIR OF GUARDS AT THE ISTANA STAND OUTSIDE THE SENTRY BOXES ON BOTH SIDES OF THE GATE AND FACE EACH OTHER.
B. DO THEY ROUTINELY RENDER HONORS/SALUTES TO CARS DEPARTING THE WHITE HOUSE OR ONLY WHEN VIPS ARE IN THE CARS?
C. HOW ARE THEY MADE AWARE THAT VIPS ARE IN DEPARTING CARS? IS A SIGNAL SYSTEM OF SOME SORT USED?
IF GUARDS ARE STANDING POSTS HOW DO THEY RECEIVE THE INFORMATION?
D. HOW MANY SENTRIES ARE PRESENT AT ANY ONE TIME? (FYI: PRESENTLY SINGAPORE HAS TWO STATIONARY GUARDS AUGMENTED BY A POLICE MAN WHO OPERATED THE TELEPHONE IN ONE OF THE SENTRY BOXES.
E. IS THE NUMBER OF GUARDS PRESENT AT ONE TIME DETERMINED BY TRADITION, PROTOCOL OR INTERNATIONAL PRACTICE?
F. IF THE GATE GUARDS ARE DIRECTED TO FACE IN A PARTICULAR DIRECTION IS THE REASON TRADITION, INTERNATIONAL PRACTICE OR FOR SECURITY REASONS?

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2. IT IS OUR PERHAPS FAULTY RECOLLECTION THAT NORMAL GATE AND GROUNDS SECURITY AT THE WHITE HOUSE IN WASHINGTON IS NOT PERFORMED BY A MILITARY SECURITY UNIT AS IT IS IN SINGAPORE BUT CIVILIAN POLICE. AS A CONSEQUENCE SOME OF THE QUESTIONS MAY BE PERTINENT. HOWEVER, ANY INFORMATION WHICH YOU MAYBE ABLE TO OBTAIN AND SHARE WITH THE GOS

WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.
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